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SUMMARY. TWO RECENT BROADCASTS FROM HUNAN GIVE THE FIRST MEDIA CONFIRMATION OF THE OPERATION OF "TRIPLE COMBINATION COMMITTEES" OF PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROVINCES. THE BROADCASTS EMPHASIZE PEOPLE'S DAILY PRONOUNCEMENTS ON PARTY LEADERSHIP, BUT CALL FOR INCREASED RELIANCE ON THE MASSES TO CARRY OUT THE MOVEMENT. THERE IS AN IMPLIED CAUTION THAT SOME WHO MAY BE CURRENTLY SABOTAGING THE MOVEMENT COULD BE BRANDED CLASS ENEMIES. END SUMMARY

1. HUNAN RADIO BROADCASTS (JUNE 15) REPORTED THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF "THE ENLARGED MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE PROVINCIAL CCP AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES AND THE HUNAN MILITARY DISTRICT CCP COMMITTEE HELD BY THE HUNAN PROVINCIAL  
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CCP COMMITTEE". THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT FORUM TO CORROBORATE

BY NAME THE UNITS COMPOSING "TRIPLE COMBINATION COMMITTEES" REPORTED EARLIER IN EXISTENCE IN CHEKIANG, FUKIEN AND KIANGSI (REFTELS). THE BROADCAST ON THE MEETING DID NOT IDENTIFY BY NAME ANY LEADERS FROM THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES BUT DID REPORT THAT THEY HAD HANDLED "SOME PROBLEMS" CORRECTLY AND UNDERSTOOD THE FUTURE TASKS.

2. A HUNAN DAILY EDITORIAL WAS ALSO BROADEN WHICH AMPLIFIED

THE DISCUSSIONS. THE JULY 1 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL STRESS ON PARTY LEADERSHIP CAME ACROSS FREQUENTLY IN THE HUNAN EDITORIAL. HOWEVER, LEADING COMRADES WERE CAUTIONED NOT TO BE CARELESS IN CARRYING OUT PARTY POLICY AND STRATEGY AND TO UNITE WITH THE MASSES SO AS TO COMFRONT THE ENEMY "TOGETHER".

3. THE HUNAN EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT THE MOVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT THE MASSES WOULD BE ITS MOTIVATING FORCE. "WE MUST TRUST AND RELY ON THE MASSES," THE EDITORIAL STATED, "AND GIVE FREE REIN TO THE MASSES TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE CONSPIRATORIAL ACTIVITES OF THE LIN PIAO ANTI-PARTY CLIQUE, FURTHER CRITICZE THE TURE ULTRA-RIGHTIST NATURE OF LIN PIAO'S REVISIONIST LINE, AND ERADICATE THE INFLUENCE OF THE DOCTRINE OF CONFUCIUS AND MENCIOUS IN ENVER CORNER". THERE WAS ALSO REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR REALIZING ANNUAL PRODUCTION GOALS IN THE TIME REMAINING AND TO DEAL BLOWS AT THOSE CLASS ENEMIES WHO SABOTAGE THE MOVEMENT AND PRODUCTION. THIS PROBABLY REFLECTS STUDY OF A RECENT CENTRAL DIRECTIVE, NUMBER 21, WHICH DEALS WITH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

4. COMMENT. IN THE FIRST PUBLIC MEDIA REFERENCE TO THE SHARING OF PARTY POWER OVER THE DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT-- ALBEIT UNDER OVERALL PARTY LEADERSHIP, EMPHAIS IS GIVEN TO A MORE ACTIVE ROLE FOR THE MASSES. THE ROLE SET DOWN TO ERADICATE CONFUCIUS AND MENCIOUS INFLUENCE "IN EVERAY CORNER" OFFERS BROAD AREAS OF POTENTIAL MASS INVOLVEMENT IN THE LEADERSHIP ORGANS. MISTAKES BY LEADING CADRE ARE IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZED IN THE STRUCTURE THAT THEY MUST NEVER BE CARELESS. BUT , MOST SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THOSE IN LEADERHSIP POSITIONS, THE CONCLUSION THAT THOSE WHO SABOTAGE CRITICISM ARE CLASS ENEMIES COULD MEAN A NARROWING OF TARGETS WITHING THE PROVINCES. BY LISTING SUCH PEOPLE AS CLASS ENEMIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT ALSO IMPLIES THAT THEY CANNOT BE REHABILITIATED BY THE USUAL CRITICISM PROCESS. THE APPEARANCE IN HUNAN OF A TRIPLE COMBINATION COMMITTEE -- FATER THOSE IN CHEKIANG, FUKIEN, AND KIANGSI,-- MAY INDICATE THAT THESE ENLARGED ORGANIZATIONS ARE BEING TARGETED ON PROVINCES WHERE UNREST AND EVEN FACTIONALISM ARE ON THE RISE. THE FAILURE TO MENTIONANY PERSONALITIES INVOLVED IN THE MEETING LEAVES IN QUESTION THE SATUS OF THOSE HUNAN LEADERS UNDER POSTER ATTACK.

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